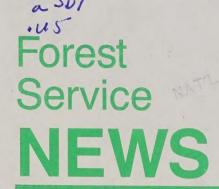
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BOB JACOBS ASSUMES DUTIES AS DEPUTY REGIONAL FORESTER

PORTLAND--February 18--Bob Jacobs has assumed the position of Deputy Regional Forester for Resources for the Pacific Northwest Region. He assumed his new duties on February 1.

"Bob brings a wealth of experience and skills to the Pacific Northwest Region," said John Lowe, Regional Forester.

Jacobs comes to Portland from Washington, D.C., where he was Deputy Director for Timber Management in the Forest Service's national office. He began his Forest Service career as a forester and assistant ranger on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan. He was a program analyst in Milwaukee; Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania; and Forest Supervisor of the National Forests of Florida. Jacobs served as Assistant Director for Land Management Planning in the national office before moving into the Deputy Director for Timber Management position.

A former rotary wing helicopter pilot, Jacobs is the recipient of several commendations and medals, including the purple heart, from the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the American Forestry Association.

Jacobs and his wife, Peg, have two children.